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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PASSES TOUGHER STRIKE LAW

REF: TUNIS A-155

HEEDING INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA IN OCT 7 SPEECH TO PSD (REFAIR), NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED ON DEC 4 REVISED ARTICLES OF LABOR CODE TO PROVIDE STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL STRIKE ACTIVITY. NEW PROVISIONS, WHICH DESIGNED DISCOURAGE AND PUNISH ACTIONS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH OCCURRED DURING TUNIS BUS STRIKE LAST MAY WHEN WORKERS OCCUPIED DEPOT AND DAMAGED BUSES, DID NOT HAVE APPROVAL OF TRADE UNION (UGTT) LEADERS IN ASSEMBLY. UGTT SEC GEN SAID NEW MEASURES UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF PRESENT ENTENTE BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, WORKERS AND GOT AND IN ANY CASE LAW SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SPECIFIC VITAL SECTORS OF ECONOMY. PM NOUIRA DEFENDED LAW FOR GOT SAYING IT WAS TO PROTECT WORKERS' FREEDOM TO WORK AND KEEP EQUIPMENT FROM BEING MISUSED. HE ALLUDED TO PAST INCIDENT (BUS STRIKE) WHEN SITUATION WOULD HAVE DEGENERATED IF AUTHORITIES HAD NOT INTERVENED. NEW LAW ADOPTED WITH FOUR OPPOSING VOTES AND THREE ABSENTENTIONS. THIS REVISION AND SPEED OF ITS ENACTMENT SHOWS GOT SENSITIVITY ON LABOR SCENE

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AND DESIRE TO KEEP LABOR DISPUTES UNDER CONTROL. WHETHER NEW

PROVISIONS WILL HAVE THIS EFFECT IS DEBATABLE PARTICULARLY  
SINCE UGTT OPPOSED THESE CHANGES. DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.  
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